BLOOD DRIVE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, DAYS INN, 12:30-6 P.M. The last two volunteers needed to help at the drive came forward at the meeting today. President Ralph had slips for us to make telephone calls for the event. The goal is 100 pints to honor Ray being the 100th RI president!

NEW MEMBER: Tom Luebbering (center), chief financial officer at Northeast Regional Medical Center, was inducted as a member of our club today. He is pictured with his Rotary sponsor, James Harding (right), and Club President Ralph Cupelli.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: The 2010/11 committees were emailed to members and copies placed on each table. President Ralph asked us to look at it for any necessary corrections.

AT BOARD MEETING LAST WEEK: This year's budget was approved and we have renewed our commitment for highway cleanup.

PARK COMMITTEE: Chair Glenda Hunt called a short meeting to follow today's meeting.

AIR FESTIVAL - SEPT. 11-12: Randy Smith reported fund raising has now reached $35,450!

50-50 POT NOW AT $249: George Scheurer's ticket was drawn but he didn't pick the winning card. Funds raised will be used to help needy Rotarians attend the RI Convention in New Orleans (Bob Behnen is working on criteria for selecting recipients.)

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR: President Ralph and Ron Knight announced she is Huong Uong from Hanoi, Vietnam. We look forward to meeting her at a later date.

Short Term Exchange Participants Max Gorzelitz (2nd from right) from Aachen, Germany and KHS Junior Xavier O’Brien (2nd from left) showed slides and described their experiences in this Rotary-sponsored exchange program. When Xavier completed his exchange after staying with Max’s family, Max returned with Xavier to Kirksville. He will stay with the O’Briens until August 28th. Max enjoys golf and tennis. His father is a product development engineer (and Aachen Charlemagne Rotarian!) and his mother is a secondary school geography and math teacher. He has a 13-year-old sister, Carolin. (The 17-year-old students are pictured with host family, Andrea and John O’Brien.)

HAPPY BUCKS COLLECTED TODAY: $61.00

Guests: Angie Schenewerk (guest of Dale); Elsie Gaber (1000 Hills club); Judie Klinginsmith (guest of Ray-he's in Hong Kong, headed for China!); Sara Rex/Red Cross (guest of club); Tom Luebbering (inductee/guest of club); Max Gorzelitz & Xavier O’Brien (speakers); John O’Brien (guest of Andrea)